

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. A Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2005 rejected Claims 7-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and allowed Claims 1-6. By way of this Amendment, Applicant hereby amends Claim 7. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 7-11 as being anticipated by Sasame et al. With regard to amended independent Claim 7, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that because amended Claim 7 now claims similar subject matter to that of allowed Claim 1, amended Claim 7 is allowable over the cited references. Because Claims 8-11 depend from allowable independent Claim 7, Applicant submits that they are allowable for the same reasons that make Claim 7 allowable.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 12 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Because Claim 12 depends from allowable independent Claim 7, Applicant submits that Claim 12 is allowable for the same reasons that make Claim 7 allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims and drawings of the pending application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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